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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Rui Sousa
Serial No.: 10/689,495
Filed: October 20, 2003
Title: Methods for Using Double-Mutant RNA Polymerases with Reduced Discrimination Between Non-Canonical and Canonical Nucleoside Triphosphates
Art Unit: 1637
Examiner: Kim, Young J.
File No.: 310307.90240

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the June 5, 2006 Office Action for the above-identified case, Applicants choose restriction group I - claims 1-12, 25, 28, and 38, drawn to a method of synthesizing a nucleic acid molecule, to be examined.

Applicants note that they neither acquiesce nor agree with the Examiner's reasoning but wish to move the case along in a timely manner.

As requested on page 3 of the action, Applicants hereby include an identification of species: Applicants choose T7 RNA polymerase.

All elected claims are readable on this species.

A petition for one month extension of time and fee authorization are included with this response as it is being filed after the initial 30-day due date period but within the first extension period. No other fees are believed due, however, if additional fees are required to enter this response, please charge deposit account 17-0055.

Respectfully submitted,

Rui Sousa

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